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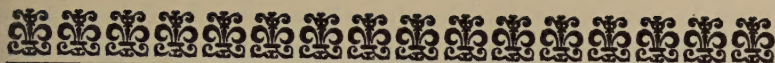
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The Blazed Trail of Vermont's Northern Boundary

By AUSTIN T. FOSTER

THE village of Derby Line is the Vermont portion of a community lying astride the boundary between Vermont and the Province of Quebec. The house where I was born lies less than a quarter mile south of the border.

To me as a child and to the other children of the village the iron post set in the curb of the wooden plank sidewalk which marked the spot where Main Street ran into Canadian territory was an object of interest and curiosity, as much in those days because it separated Rock Island, P. Q. from Derby Line as because it separated Canada from the United States; you came to the iron post just south of the Tomifobia River and before entering the covered bridge over that stream. I can remember having some thought that the legend over the bridge, "Walk or Pay Three Dollars," had something to do with the fact that at that point you were leaving Derby Line to enter a foreign village. The Tomifobia runs more or less from East to West and I can remember also an early impression that the River constituted the boundary. Later, however, in an early geography class we learned that the boundary was the 45° of North latitude and for many years I believed this to be the truth.

Not long ago, looking at some large-scale U. S. Geological Survey maps of this area, I noticed with surprise that the 45° of North latitude appeared to be entirely in Vermont; that the boundary is not an absolutely straight line but one which wavers slightly, located from one-quarter to three-quarters of a mile north of the 45th parallel; and that most of Derby Line (including our own house), although shown as being in Vermont; is north of this parallel. I began to wonder whether statements which I had made from time to time for voting or passport purposes that I was a native-born American citizen might not be

open to some question. Therefore, being of a legal bent, I investigated the manner in which the boundary at this point had been determined.

It is well known that the territory of the State of Vermont was in early colonial days a part of the Province of New York. This province, originally created by grants from Charles II to his brother, the Duke of York (1664 and 1674), had in the early colonial period no clear-cut northern boundary; its territory ran from the head of the Connecticut River to the east side of Delaware Bay. In 1737 a report to the Lieutenant Governor of New York stated, "I know of no Regulation for Determining the Boundaries between New York and Canada. Its probable each will endeavor to extend themselves as far as they can. . . ."*

In 1763, after the Treaty of Paris, whereby as a result of the Seven Years' War, France surrendered Canada to Great Britain, a Royal Proclamation declared the 45th degree of North latitude "to be" the boundary between the Provinces of New York and Quebec. In 1767 Sir Henry Moore, Lieutenant Governor of New York and Sir Guy Carlton, Governor of the Province of Quebec, fixed the place of latitude 45° "by actual observation" near the north end of Lake Champlain.

This was the period during which New York was commencing to have real difficulties with the "New Hampshire Grants." These difficulties, however, did not involve the northern part of what is now Vermont, since the earliest settlements in the boundary area were made substantially later. Therefore, the dispute between the inhabitants of Vermont and the New York Provincial Government did not interfere with arrangements made by Sir Henry Moore and Governor Carlton for a survey party to be sent out in 1771 to mark the 45° of North latitude from the Connecticut River area westward until that line intersects the St. Lawrence in western New York.

This survey was carried out by Messrs. Valentine and Collins in the years 1771-1774 in the dense forest which covered nearly all the area involved. The line was marked by blazes on the trees. It does not appear that the survey was officially authorized by the British Government or accepted by the interested provinces, as it is stated in the Treaty of Peace between the United States and Great Britain at Ghent in 1814 that the line "has not yet been

* (IV) Doc. Hist. N. Y. p. 178

surveyed." However, as will be seen, retroactively the survey of Messrs. Valentine and Collins became official.

The treaty of peace of 1783 following the American Revolution made no change in the northern boundary of Vermont (eastern New York, according to the government at Albany). It was restated to be the 45° of North latitude. Between the time of the American Revolution and the close of the 18th century Vermont pioneers moved northward. About 1796 the first tree was felled on the Canadian side of the Tomifobia (then called the Barlow River), and the first bridge over the River was erected in 1802. Presumably all along the Vermont-Quebec boundary the inhabitants had fairly precise ideas as to where the boundary as represented by the Valentine-Collins line ran. Indeed, it may be safely assumed that the settlers generally took into account the location of this *de facto* boundary in deciding where to take up residence, some desiring to retain Vermont citizenship and other desiring to become (or remain) British subjects.

At an early date, however, suspicions began to find expression that the line was inaccurate. As early as 1796 such a suggestion was made by a resident of Burlington and in 1805 the Governor of Vermont appointed the Reverend Samuel Williams of Rutland, an all-round cleric who also wrote a history of the State, to check the survey. He reported in the following year that the 45° ran from seven to thirteen miles farther *north* than the Valentine-Collins line. There appears to have been no suspicion, at least in Vermont, that the true line might run *south* of the surveyed line.

The 1814 treaty of Ghent following the War of 1812 reaffirmed the 45° as the boundary and appointed Commissioners to arrange for a survey, and in 1818 astronomers appointed by the British and American governments located the 45° at Rouse's Point about where it is shown on maps of today some three-quarters of a mile south of the monument set up in 1767 on which the Valentine-Collins line was based. This was particularly embarrassing to the United States, as the construction of an American fort had been commenced at a point north of the 45° as now determined. The fort was later called "Fort Blunder."

The Commissioners failed to agree. In retrospect, it may be said that the cause of their failure was American unwillingness to accept loss of territory in Vermont and in New York and British unwillingness to accept loss of territory farther east. Under

a Convention of 1827 the conflicting reports of the Commissioners were referred to the King of the Netherlands for mediation. As to the Vermont-New York portion of the boundary he made the only logical decision on the basis of the treaty, namely that the true 45th parallel was the border but he proposed that "Fort Blunder" though north of that line and an area around it with a radius of one kilometer should go to the United States. As to another portion of the line, his decision was unsatisfactory to the British. The United States and Great Britain both rejected the King's decision.

With so much doubt as to the location of the boundary, it is surprising that there appears to have been so little tendency on the part of the residents of Quebec and Vermont in the boundary area to disregard the de facto boundary based, as is stated in Thompson's *Gazeteer of Vermont* (1824) upon a survey which was run "very erroneously." No accounts of the smuggling activities during the War of 1812 which have come to the writer's attention seem to indicate that the smugglers and the Customs Officers did not know approximately where the boundary was, or did not generally respect that boundary.

Not until 1842 was further action taken by the nations involved to ascertain and fix this long undetermined boundary. In the Webster-Ashburton treaty of that year, Article I provided "It is hereby agreed and declared that the line of boundary shall be as follows: . . . thence (i.e. from the head of Hall's stream, being one of the affluents of the Connecticut River) down the middle of said stream till the line thus run intersects the old line of boundary surveyed and marked by Valentine and Collins previously to 1774 as the 45th degree of north latitude and which has been known and understood to be the line of actual division between the States of New York and Vermont on one side and the British Province of Canada on the other; and from said point of intersection west along the said dividing line, as heretofore known and understood, to the Iroquois or St. Lawrence River." The treaty also provided for the appointment of commissioners to "ascertain fix and mark by proper and durable monuments on the land the line described in the 1st Article of this treaty."

The problem before the Commissioners was obviously not any easy one. They were required to find a trail blazed some seventy years earlier in a primeval wilderness after much of that wilderness had been cleared and converted into farm land. Without the

aid of local tradition, which under the language of the treaty they were entitled to take into consideration, it may be doubtful whether they could have produced an award. Excerpts from the report submitted in 1847 to the British and American Governments gives one some idea of the difficulties they encountered and the manner in which these difficulties were overcome:

"The line of Valentine and Collins was explored and found by the blazes still remaining in the original forest.

"Upon cutting into those blazes, it was seen that, deep-seated in the tree, there was a scar, the surface of the original blaze slightly decayed, and upon counting the rings (which indicate each year's growth of the tree) it was found that the blazes dated back to 1772, 1773, and 1774. The line of Valentine and Collins was run in 1771, 1772, 1773, and 1774. The coincidence of the dates of the blazes with those of the above line, confirmed by the testimony of the people of the country, satisfied the Undersigned that the line they had found was that mentioned in the treaty. Along this portion of the boundary which is known as the 45° of Valentine and Collins, and which extends from Hall's stream to St. Regis, there are several interruptions to the blazes, in those parts where clearings undersigned have drawn the boundary line straight from the original blazes on the one side of a clearing to the original blazes on the other side of the same clearing.

"It cannot be positively stated that the line, as it has been traced through those clearings, precisely coincides with the old line; but the Undersigned believe that it does not differ materially from it; nor have they had the means of determining a nearer or a surer approximation.

"Along this line, at every point of deflection, an iron monument has been erected; also at the crossing of rivers, lakes, and roads. Those which mark deflections are placed, as on the 'north line,' anglewise with the line; all the others are placed square with it. The maps show the position of each.

"The boundary along the west line, though very far from being a straight line, is generally about half a mile north of the true parallel of latitude 45° from Hall's Stream to Rouse's Point."

And so was located the iron post on Main Street between Derby Line, Vermont, and Rock Island, P. Q. on the line blazed in the wilderness "very erroneously" by Valentine and Collins.

My examination of the record outlined above has not been carried on in a spirit of scholarly research, and there are matters of detail which are not entirely clear and which it would be interesting to investigate further. It is probable that questions fully as difficult arose in regard to many other portions of the boundary between the Dominion of Canada and the United States. This cursory examination of a small segment of the overall problem does illustrate, it seems to me, the ability of nations of good will and peaceful inclinations to settle amicably questions as to territorial sovereignty—questions which have so frequently led to war.

It seems to me that this record also shows that the boundary between Vermont and Canada was to a large extent determined officially on the basis of the common knowledge and understanding of the inhabitants and, therefore, with their agreement.

And my cursory examination has satisfied me personally that, although my birthplace was north of the 45th parallel—commonly stated and believed to be the boundary—no question can be raised as to my eligibility for the Presidency of the United States as a natural born citizen thereof with a birthplace duly determined and agreed to lie within the territory of the State of Vermont.



Annual Meeting, 1949

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Our report of activities this year is brief, not because they have been less, but because they have largely been an extension of those begun in 1947 and reported at the last meeting.

In the field of education we have continued and extended our efforts to tell the story of Vermont through the standard media of public communication: newspapers, radio and magazines. Our weekly radio program of dramatizations, "This is Vermont," is now firmly established, and is supplemented by a weekly column appearing in six daily newspapers and several weeklies. This summer we hope to begin production on a feature length motion picture in color, covering the years from 1749 to 1777. Our work in the field of museum and historic houses has lagged, because of inadequate funds and staff; but repairs on the Kent Tavern were completed and those on the Log Cabin begun.

In our library we have received many new acquisitions, as reported by Miss Follette, who still labors manfully among an influx of material greater than can possibly be cataloged by a single person. Mrs. Guy Horton has assisted in the Museum by periodic attractive displays of private collections, but the congestion in our quarters is so great as to prevent any really effective use of the museum. We sincerely hope the 1949 General Assembly will rectify this critical situation by construction of the proposed Annex to our building.

We finally received from the printers our long awaited *Peacham, the Story of a Vermont Hill Town*, by Dr. Ernest L. Bogart, one of our most distinguished publications. Three volumes of the series *Growth of Vermont* will be ready early in 1949, including Dr. Chilton Williamson's scholarly but controversial *Vermont in a Quandary, 1763-1825*. We have also received the manuscript of Dr. Frederick Waite's history of the Castleton Medical School, which will also be out early in 1949.

Our fellowship for 1948 was awarded to Miss Elizabeth Hale of Castleton Teachers College, for a study of the people and industries of the Rutland-Proctor area.

Our finances have reached the critical stage, with revenues from our small invested capital constantly declining, in the face of rapidly mounting costs. Postage alone, for example, cost more in 1948 than all our library expenses in 1943. A campaign for a \$250,000 increase of endowment would seem to be the principal urgent project for 1949, and it is to be hoped that our members will all assist in any way possible.

EARLE W. NEWTON, *Director*

STATISTICS—1948

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM	1948	1947	1946
Accessions—Total recorded	373	480	475
Library	356	408	429
Museum	17	72	46
Acquisitions other than purchase			
Transfers from State Library	15	17	21
Colonial Dames Library	19	11	19
Gifts and exchanges	200	253	301
Library	190	204	273
Museum	10	49	28
Loans	5	32	9
Library	3	23	3
Museum	2	9	6
Cataloging			
Books (Titles cataloged)	252	289	160
(Volumes)	330	382	236
Manuscripts (Single)	19	54	19
(Collections)	12	25	8
Account and mss. record books	25	14	8
Maps	31	17	10
Broadside	17	6	72
Pictures, plates, etc.	210	159	57
Microfilms		6	2
Records (Phonograph)	8		
Books, maps, etc., recataloged	3	17	64
Continuations			
Shelved	880	1,469	1,011
Analyzed for the catalog	366	389	190
Recataloged	3	4	10
Cards typed for the continuation check list	38	39	31
Cards typed for the Union Catalog	194	249	135
Cards filed in VHS catalog	12,636	6,624	5,253
Museum exhibits cataloged	3	40	9
Labels written	119	66	31
Uncataloged items listed (pending more complete cataloging later)			
In storage	7	6	21
(approximate number of pieces)	756	280	7,000

Pamphlets, mss., ephemeral material (entered on single slip—unclassified)	263	288	183
Continuations—unclassified	37	27	34
Books pamphlets, mss., etc., accessioned or otherwise counted; entered in catalog on a single slip; classified by subject; shelved or filed	58	133	287†
Newspaper clippings	4,245	4,167	2,526
Dealers' and booksellers' catalogs checked for possible purchases	429	515	426
GENERAL	1948	1947	1946
Attendance	17,688	29,817	16,203
Recorded use of books	28,596	26,102	24,985
Inter-library loan (included in totals)	72	38	13
Borrowed from other libraries	23	199	7
Correspondence sent out	3,892	4,807	4,673
Letters (included in totals)	1,565	1,552	1,755
Bills, circulars, etc.	2,327	3,255	2,918
History queries answered by mail (included in letters)	43	100	31
Genealogy queries answered by mail (included in letters)	27	70	71
Packages mailed	1,444	1,335	1,024
News releases (not counted in 1946)	24	33	
Approximate total number of copies of releases sent out	194	325	
Radio broadcasts	37	3	
Membership			
Total, December 31	715	652	673
New Members	122	30	61
Deaths	7	18	15
Resigned or dropped	52	33	5
Net gain or loss	63	-21	41
Publications			
Printed			
<i>Vermont Quarterly</i>	3,880	3,400	4,556
<i>Index to the Collections</i>			300
<i>Peacham History</i>	500		
Sales			
<i>Vermont Quarterly</i> *	27	158	194
Books	274	201	302

COMMENTS

The accessioning of incoming books and pamphlets, with the exception of larger special collections, is now completely on a current basis. This, together with the fact that fewer purchases of single volumes were made in the latter half of the year, would partially explain the lower number of accessions in the year. The total is about equal to the number accessioned in 1945.

* Distributed largely to members and exchanges free of charge
† 1945-1946

The volunteer services of Miss Jessie Campbell, retired librarian, in the fall, have advanced the work on manuscripts, though this does not show in the statistical report. Miss Campbell's work has been the examining, sorting, and listing ready for cataloging of single manuscripts and collections. There has not yet been time to complete the cataloging of these manuscripts for the catalog.

A new type of material appears on the cataloging list for the first time—phonograph records. A system of cataloging was evolved for these to suit historical society needs and a file started. The records made for the Society's radio broadcasts will increase the list materially.

The selective cataloging procedure described in the previous annual report is still in operation. Increased clerical help during the summer and fall made it possible to complete the project of marking over-size books, withdrawing cards for such books from shelf list and catalog, marking them and refiling. This increased help has also made a difference in the typing of additional cards for the catalog. The first card for each piece cataloged is made by the cataloger, and others by the typist. When the cataloger has it all to do, either the first cards accumulate, waiting for typing, or the total number of pieces cataloged is less. But this work is also now on a current basis. The number of continuations analyzed has increased in spite of the fact that the figure is actually lower than that for 1947. The analyzing process is completely current for incoming articles, and it has been possible to go back and catch up on bound volumes of *Vermont Life*, *Vermonteer*, *Vermont Quarterly*, *Essex Institute Historical Collections*, genealogical quarterlies and others. But these were counted by volumes rather than by issues, else the number of continuations analyzed would appear higher in the report.

Note that, due to the increased clerical help, the number of catalog cards filed was nearly double the number for 1947. Temporary cataloging is still necessary for many items, though fewer things which have been assigned classification numbers were limited to single slip entries. That is another indication that cataloging of certain types of material is on a more current basis, though other types are still accumulating on the cataloger's table.

The extra clerical help has been extremely valuable in that in spite of increased supervisory duties for the cataloger in instructing and in checking work not done by her, there was still time released to keep the reference work up-to-date, and the volume of completed work was materially increased.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA E. FOLLETTE, Assistant to the Director

SELECTED LIST OF ACQUISITIONS

- Bates, Joshua. *Address Delivered in Castleton, December 2, 1823, at the Commencement of the Vermont Academy of Medicine Connected with Middlebury College.* Smith & Shute, 1824. 16p.
- Bell, Benjamin. *The Character of a Virtuous Woman.* Windsor, Alden Spooner, 1794. 24p.
- Bradley papers. Ms. Papers of the Bradley family of Brattleboro and Westminster, some among them of the descendants of William Czar Bradley.
- Breckenridge, Ann Story. *Vermont Story's.* 272p. Ms. and typescript.
- Bushnell, Rev. Jedediah. *A Farewell Sermon, Preached to the Church and Society in Cornwall, May 29, 1836. By Their Late Pastor, Rev. Jedediah Bushnell.* New ed. Middlebury, Knapp and Jewett, 1836. 22p.

- Chelsea, Vt. Congregational Church. Records. 4v. Ms.
- Cheney, Charles, North Craftsbury, Vt. Account Books which belonged to Charles C. Cheney of North Craftsbury, dating from Sept. 15, 1857 to August 29, 1875. 3v. Ms. General jobbing, keeping cattle put out to pasture. Miscellaneous records at the back of book include: Sherwin family record (Stowe), hop picking, deaths in Stowe, unusual occurrences and weather, recipes for cures of sickness in animals and humans, household recipes, cattle accounts.
- Comstock, John. Church pamphlets, etc., mainly Vermont Congregational, collected by the late John Comstock of Chelsea. Inclusive collection.
- Frost, John. *An Oration, Delivered at Middlebury, before the Associated Alumni of the College on the Evening of Commencement, August 19, 1829*. Utica, N. Y., Hastings and Tracy, 1829. 23p.
- Gilbert, Hamilton S. Papers, 1862-1914, including Civil War muster-in-rolls of Co. E., 12th Regiment, Vermont Volunteers, and personal papers, Captain's Commission, pension papers, etc. 206 pieces. Ms.
- Hall, Frederick. *Eulogy on the Late Solomon Metcalf Allen, Professor of Languages in Middlebury College*. Middlebury, Francis Burnap, 1818. 16p.
- Hawes, Austin Foster. *Letters written by Mrs. Frances Bond Campbell from Europe to American Relatives, 1869-1873*. Typescript copy. With genealogical notes on the family.
- Houghton, Asa. *Ladies' and Gentlemen's Diary and Almanac*. Walpole, N. H., Isaiah Thomas, 1813.
- Jacobus, Donald Lines. *Index to Genealogical Periodicals*. New Haven, D. L. Jacobus, 1948. 148p.
- Lee, Jonathan. *The Labors of a Pastor Defeated and His Hopes Disappointed: An Address Designed to be Presented to a Mutual Council, Called for the Dismission of a Pastor from His Charge. By Jonathan Lee, Late Pastor of the Congregational Church in Weybridge, Vt.* Middlebury, Elam R. Jewett, 1837. 23p.
- Marston, Mary Briggs Paul. Genealogical collection. Ms.
- Mead, George W. *Addison County and Middlebury History Notes*. 3v. Typescript copy. Original in Middlebury College Library.
- Middlebury College. *The Laws of Middlebury College, in Middlebury, in Vermont; Enacted by the President and Fellows, the 17th Day of August, 1803*. Middlebury, Huntington & Fitch, 1804. 20 p.
- Murray, Lindley. *Abridgement of Murray's English Grammar*. Woodstock, David Watson, 1821. 108p.
- The Northern Literary Messenger, and Youth's Friend*, v. 1, no. 1, January 1843. Newbury, C. W. Atwell, 1843. 25p.
- Phelps, James H. Papers. 335 pieces. Manuscripts, clippings, etc., dealing with Vermont history, chiefly valuable for the letters of Charles and Timothy Phelps of Marlboro and other early Vermont documents.
- Sabine, Edward D. Family papers: Seth of Windson, Vt. to Edward D. of Malden, Mass., dating from 1780 to 1895. 232 pieces. Ms.
- Salkeld, E. W. *The Story Family in Vermont*. 44p. Ms.
- Thompson, Zadock. *The Youth's Assistant in Practical Arithmetic*. Woodstock, David Watson, 1825. 160p.
- Washington, Vt. School District. Records, 1835-1894. 3v. Ms.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

The 111th annual meeting of the Vermont Historical Society was held in the Pavilion Hotel in Montpelier on Thursday, February 24, 1949, at 6:30 P.M.

Following the banquet, the President, Mr. Gay, called the meeting to order.

A motion that the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports be omitted was carried.

Mr. Gay called for the report of the Nominating Committee and appointed Earle W. Newton, Director, temporary chairman of the meeting.

Mr. Orton, as chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported the following list of officers and Curators as candidates for election:

Leon S. Gay, President, Cavendish, Vermont; Elbert S. Brigham, Vice President; Arthur W. Peach, Vice President; John Clement, Vice President; Clara E. Follette, Secretary; Luman B. Howe, Treasurer.

Board of Curators: George H. Amidon, Elbert S. Brigham, Horace Brown, John Clement, Leon W. Dean, Walter Hard, Ralph N. Hill, Jr., Ida B. Horton, John C. Huden, Dorman B. E. Kent, John H. McDill, Vincent B. Maloney, Vrest Orton, Arthur W. Peach, Mortimer R. Proctor, Ralph W. Putnam, Dorothy Randolph, Harold G. Rugg, George Russell, Curtis R. Smith, William J. Wilgus.

A motion that the Report of the Nominating Committee be adopted and that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot for the election of the slate of officers and curators was proposed by the Nominating Committee. It was so voted.

The Secretary cast the single ballot for the election, as instructed. Mr. Newton turned the meeting over to President Gay, who accepted that office for another year. Mr. Gay then introduced Mr. Warren R. Austin, United Nations Ambassador, who responded briefly. Mr. Gay summarized the activities of the Society during the year and called upon Mr. Earle Newton, Director, for his report. Since his report would be printed in the *Vermont Quarterly*, Mr. Newton gave but a brief digest of it, in view of the little time left before the meeting must adjourn to the State House.

Mr. Harold Slocum, with the assistance of his secretary, then presented a puppet show in honor of the presence of Mr. Austin and for the entertainment of those present. The meeting adjourned to the State House to hear Ambassador Austin's speech. The meeting to which Legislators and friends had been invited reconvened in the House of Representatives in the State House at 8:30 P.M. President Gay introduced Mr. Austin, whose speech, delivered then, was broadcast over Station WDEV, Waterbury. Mr. Austin voiced a very forceful plea for a popular understanding and support of the North Atlantic pact.

The meeting adjourned.

CLARA E. FOLLETTE, *Secretary*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Mr. Luman B. Howe, Treasurer,

According to your instructions I have examined the accounting records of the Vermont Historical Society of Montpelier, Vermont, for the year ending December 31, 1948. I did not make a detailed audit of all transactions pertaining to the various funds, but examined or tested the available records of the Society and other supporting evidence by methods and to the extent I considered necessary.

Cash on deposit in the current fund checking and trust fund savings accounts was independently reconciled with records maintained by the Society and the balances, thereof, were confirmed by direct communication with the depositories. Trust and general endowment fund securities consisting of stocks and bonds were verified by actual inspection and count.

I made sufficient examination of all other trust fund resources by reference to the records and other available data to be of the opinion that they are correctly stated.

Sale of general endowment securities were properly authorized by the finance committee. The Treasurer could not produce written authorization pertaining to sale of one (1) American Telephone and Telegraph Company bond which took place on June 2, 1948. Petty cash vouchers covering the following expenditures could not be produced by the bookkeeper.

Check dated December 12, 1947	\$ 50.00
Check dated April 15, 1948	35.00
Check dated July 26, 1948	35.00

The 1948 budget as approved by the executive committee provided for \$1,000.00 to be transferred from general investments to current funds. Unauthorized transfers from general investment funds amounted to \$1,101.01 during the year under review.

Interest income of \$511.04 received from Girard Trust Company to be deposited in the Edmunds Prize Contest Fund was deposited in error to the current fund checking account and has not been transferred therefrom. Dividend checks of \$144.84 on 426 shares of non-assessable common stock held in the Dewey Monument Fund were also deposited to the current fund checking account and were not transferred.

Life membership dues for \$100.00 received in 1947 have not been transferred from current funds to the Life Membership Fund. Life membership dues for \$150.00 received during 1948 have been properly transferred.

Obligated expenditures from current funds during the year under review for purposes of restoring the Log Cabin at Grand Isle, Vermont amounted to \$418.70. The balance of obligated funds to be used for this purpose amounts to \$981.30. Expenditures from current funds for restoration of Kent Tavern at Calais, Vermont amounted to \$173.92. The Historic Buildings Fund resources have been completely exhausted as of the close of the year.

Expenditures from current funds for compiling history of Peacham were made to the extent of \$359.83. Cash available in Watt's Fund for this purpose amounting to \$2,367.44 has also been exhausted.

Transfer of \$450.00 from current fund checking account on December 31, 1948 to Edmunds trust fund savings account was made in error. Cash was not entered by bank to credit of savings account until January 4, 1949.

In my opinion, subject to the foregoing comments, the accompanying Statement of Resources by Funds and the Statement of Fund Receipts and Dis-

bursments present fairly the financial position of the Vermont Historical Society as of December 31, 1948 and the results from its activities for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

February 19, 1949.

FREDERICK A. MAYO.

GENERAL COMMENTS

I have set forth below a comparison of the Society's resources by funds as of December 31, 1947 and 1948 which reflects a net decrease in resources of \$4,971.76.

Fund	As of December 31, 1948	As of December 31, 1947
Current Funds	\$ 2,393.04	\$ 2,571.79
Unrestricted Trust Funds	5,125.31	5,112.55
Trust Funds for Specific Purposes	18,446.86	24,366.09
Trust Funds for General Endowment	104,518.80	106,365.40
Real Estate—Historic Buildings	11,343.53	8,383.47
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	\$141,827.54	\$146,799.30
Net Decrease in Resources	4,971.76	
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	\$146,799.30	\$146,799.30

The accounting records of the Society were loosely kept during the year under review and all of the entries pertaining thereto as shown in the cash journal were made in pencil. The new bookkeeper was apparently not properly acquainted with the system procedure and, according to the condition of the books at the close of the year he received little or no assistance from responsible people.

A: STATEMENT OF RESOURCES BY FUNDS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1948

ASSETS

CURRENT FUNDS

Cash in Checking Account	\$1,908.04
Petty Cash Fund	35.00
Transfer Due from Edmunds Fund	450.00

Total Current Funds (Exhibit "B")	\$ 2,393.04
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UNRESTRICTED TRUST FUNDS

3 U.S. Savings Bonds, Series "G"	\$3,000.00	
2M Central Ill. Public Service Bonds,	2,000.00	
3½s-71		\$ 5,000.00
Non-Assessable Common Stock—		
Montpelier Savings Bank, 5 Shares at		
\$1.00		5.00
Savings Accounts—		
Bennington County Trust Co.		
No. 26100	44.78	
Marble Savings Bank No. 53211	75.53	120.31

Total Unrestricted Trust Funds (Exhibit "B")	\$5,125.31
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TRUST FUNDS FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES

Dewey Monument Fund—		
Savings Account No. 24813—Montpelier Savings Bank		\$ 2,653.70
Stock Dividends Earned and Not Transferred from Current Funds		144.84
Class "B" Non-Assessable Common Stock of Montpelier Savings Bank, 426 Shares at \$1.00		426.00
Total Dewey Monument Fund (Exhibit "B")		3,224.54
Edmunds Prize Contest Funds—		
Principle Trust Fund	\$13,068.33	
Accumulated Interest	687.04	
Cash in Current Fund Checking Account	511.04	
Less—		14,266.41
Due Current Fund for Edmunds Prize Contest Expenses paid from Current Funds and not reimbursed—1947		19.53
Total Edmunds Prize Contest Funds (Exhibit "B")		14,246.88
Jennie C. Watts Fund—		
Total Jennie C. Watts Fund (Exhibit "B")		.....
Historic Buildings Fund—		
Total Historic Buildings Fund (Exhibit "B")		.....
Publications Fund—		
Savings Account No. 16467, First National Bank, Montpelier, Vermont (Exhibit "B")		975.44
Total Trust Funds for Specific Purposes		\$18,446.86

TRUST FUNDS FOR GENERAL ENDOWMENT

Wilbur Fund, \$100,000.00; Life Memberships, \$3,050.00; Capital Increase, \$150.00		
Stock Investments (at cost)	\$29,512.86	
Bond Investments (at cost)	74,877.41	
Savings Account No. 16472	128.53	
Total Trust Funds for General Endowment (Exhibit "B")		\$104,518.80

REAL ESTATE

Kent Tavern Property, Calais, Vermont	\$10,649.83	
Log Cabin Property, Grand Isle, Vermont	693.70	
Total Real Estate (Exhibit "B")		11,343.53
TOTAL RESOURCES		\$141,827.54

B: FUND RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS JANUARY 1, TO DECEMBER 31, 1948

CURRENT FUND

Balance in Checking Account Jan. 1, 1948	\$ 2,521.79	
Petty Cash Fund	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,571.79

CASH INCOME

Appropriation—State of Vermont		\$ 8,000.00
Interest Earned—		
Bonds	\$2,183.75	
Savings Accounts	2.15	
	<hr/>	2,185.90
Dividends Received		1,643.70
Dues—		
Active Memberships	868.00	
Sustaining Memberships	665.00	
New Active Memberships	273.00	
New Sustaining Memberships	135.00	
Life Memberships	150.00	
	<hr/>	2,091.00
Publications—Sale of Books		414.10
Misc. Items—Money Order Fees		.40
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Total Cash Income		\$14,335.10

OTHER RECEIPTS AND TRANSFERS

Ellis Fund—History of Castleton Medical School—Special Gift from Mr. George Ellis		\$ 500.00	
Historic Buildings Fund—			
Miscellaneous Gift—Log Cabin	\$ 10.00		
Refund on Old Barn Sold—Kent Tavern Property	29.50		
	<hr/>	39.50	
Transfer from Historic Buildings Fund	2,327.94		
Transfer from Wilbur Endowment Fund—			
General	2,100.01		
Stock Dividend to be Transferred to Dewey Monument Fund	144.84		
Interest Check From Girard Trust Company to be Transferred to Edmunds Prize Contest Funds	511.04		
Transfer from Publications Fund—History of Castleton Medical School	147.80	5,231.63	20,106.23
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TOTAL CASH			\$ 22,678.02

CASH EXPENDITURES

Executive Committee—		
Salaries	\$9,874.49	
Travel	399.44	
Unclassified Expenses	359.91	
	<hr/>	\$10,633.84
Library Committee—		
Books	950.20	
Administrative	1,591.43	
Museum	77.85	
	<hr/>	2,619.48
Publication Committee—		
General Printing	81.51	
Expense of <i>Vermont Quarterly</i>	1,659.47	
	<hr/>	1,740.98
Historical Education Expense		585.30
Portion of Cost to restore Historic Build- ings Paid from Current Funds—		
For Kent Tavern	2,541.36	
For Log Cabin	418.70	
	<hr/>	2,960.06
Less: Cost Paid from Special Gifts and Miscellaneous Income	2,367.44	
	<hr/>	592.62*
Portion of Expenses Compiling History of Peacham, Vermont Paid from Cur- rent Funds—		
Total Expenses	2,532.11	
Less: Expenses Paid from Special Gifts to Watts Fund	2,172.28	
	<hr/>	359.83
Total Cash Expenditures		16,532.05
Cost of Compiling History of Castleton Medical School—Ellis Fund		647.80
Cost to Restore Historic Buildings—		
Kent Tavern	1,948.74	
Log Cabin	418.70	
	<hr/>	2,367.44
Transfer to Publishing Fund—1947 Gift		100.00
Transfer to Edmunds Fund—Interest from Girard Trust Company		485.54
Transfer to Edmunds Fund—		450.00
Life Memberships transferred to Life Membership Fund		150.00
Interest from Savings Accounts to be transferred to Current Fund		2.15
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Total		20,734.98
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BALANCE OF CASH, Dec. 31, 1948 (Exhibit "A")		\$ 1,943.04

*Kent Tavern \$173.92, Log Cabin \$418.70

Cash in Checking Account	1,908.04
Petty Cash Fund	35.00

Total Cash	1,943.04
Transfer Due from Edmunds Fund	450.00

Total Current Fund Resources	\$ 2,393.04
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UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Balance, January 1, 1948		\$ 5,112.55
Add: Interest Received	\$144.65	
Dividends Received	1.70	
Adjustment for Savings Account Interest in 1947 not transferred to Current Funds	10.61	156.96
Less—		5,269.51
Interest and Dividends transferred to Current Funds		144.20

Balance, Dec. 31, 1948 (Exhibit "A")	\$ 5,125.31
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TRUST FUNDS FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES

Dewey Monument Fund—		
Balance, January 1, 1948		\$ 5,775.86
Add: Interest Received	\$ 77.52	
Dividends Received	144.84	222.36

Less—		5,998.22
Cost of Dewey Memorial Diorama		2,773.68

Balance, Dec. 31, 1948 (Exhibit "A")		3,224.54
Edmund's Prize Contest Funds—		
Balance, January 1, 1948		13,273.03
Add: Interest Received	14.08	
Trust Fund Income	511.04	
Increase in Principle Fund	947.14	1,472.26

Less—		14,745.29
Edmund's Prize Contest Expenses		498.41

Balance, Dec. 31, 1948 (Exhibit "A")		14,246.88
Jennie C. Watts Fund—		
Balance, January 1, 1948		2,157.71
Add: Interest Received		14.57

Less—		2,172.28
Peacham History Expense		2,172.28

Balance, December 31, 1948 (Exhibit "A")
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Historic Buildings Fund—	
Balance, January 1, 1948	2,259.49
Interest Received	68.45
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Less—	2,327.94
Cost to Restore Kent Tavern	2,327.94
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Balance, December 31, 1948 (Exhibit "A")
Publications Fund—	
Balance, January 1, 1948	1,000.00
Add: Interest Received	23.24
Transfer from Current Funds	100.00
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	123.24
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Less—	1,123.24
Portion of Expense Printing History of Castleton Medical School—Ellis Fund	147.80
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Balance, December 31, 1948 (Exhibit "A")	\$ 975.44

TRUST FUNDS FOR GENERAL ENDOWMENT

Wilbur and Life Membership and Endow- ment Funds—	
Balance, January 1, 1948	\$106,365.40
Add: Bond Interest Received	\$2,051.24
Savings Account Interest Received	1.90
Dividends Received	1,642.00
Gain on Sale of Six Shares Am. Tel. and Tel. Co. Stock at 157½	96.28
Gain on Sale of Am. Tel. and Tel. Bond 2¼s-'57 at 115%	155.23
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	3,946.65
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Less—	110,312.05
Transfer to Current Funds—	
Interest and Dividends	3,693.24
Proceeds from Sale of General Endow- ment Securities—	
Six Shares of Am. Tel. and Tel. Stock	936.28
One Am. Tel. and Tel. Bond, 2¼s-'57	1,163.73
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	5,793.25
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Balance, December 31, 1948 (Exhibit "A")	\$104,518.80

**C: CASH INCOME AND EXPENDITURES AS COMPARED WITH BUDGET ITEMS
FROM JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1948**

INCOME			
	1948 Budget Estimate	Actual	Increase or Decrease*
State Appropriation	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	.....
Investment Income	4,000.00	3,829.60	70.40*
Dues	2,000.00	1,941.00 ²	59.00*
Sale of Publications	1,000.00	414.50	585.50*
Cash Carry-over from 1947	2,571.00	2,571.79	.79
Transfers from General Investments	1,000.00	2,100.01	1,100.01
	<hr/> \$18,571.00	<hr/> \$18,856.90	<hr/> \$ 285.90
EXPENDITURES			
General—			
Salaries	\$10,735.00	\$ 9,874.49 ³	\$ 860.51*
Travel	200.00	399.44	199.44
Miscellaneous Items	300.00	259.91	40.09*
Library ⁴			
Administrative	1,100.00	1,591.43	491.43
Books	1,000.00	950.20	49.80*
Museum	.....	77.85	77.85
Publishings—			
Vermont Quarterly	1,600.00	1,659.47	59.47
Books	1,000.00	81.51	918.49*
Other—			
Fellowship	200.00	.....	200.00*
History of Middlebury (typing)	100.00	100.00	.....
Education and Membership	300.00	585.30	285.30
Transfers—			
Log Cabin—Obligated	1,400.00	418.70	981.30*
Life Membership	100.00	.....	100.00*
Interest—Girard Trust Company	485.00	485.54	.54
Overexpenditures of Specific Trust Funds—			
Expense of compiling History of Peacham, Vermont	.....	359.83	359.83
Expenses to restore Kents Tavern	.....	592.62	592.62
	<hr/> \$18,520.00	<hr/> \$17,436.29	<hr/> \$ 1,083.71*
SURPLUS FOR 1948	51.00	1,420.61	1,369.61
	<hr/> \$18,571.00	<hr/> \$18,856.90	<hr/> \$ 285.90*

*Life Membership Dues of \$150.00 excluded. To be transferred to Life Membership Fund.

²Includes \$450.00 salary for 1947.

³Special Meeting of executive committee was held on September 22, 1948 and authorization was made to transfer \$700.00 from unrestricted funds for printing history of Castleton Medical School. Transfer was not made for this purpose. It was also voted at same meeting to reimburse current funds for expenditures on Historical Buildings. No transfer was made. It was also voted to alter the 1948 budget by increasing library administrative expenses from \$800.00 to \$1,100.00 and library books from \$700.00 to \$1,000.00.

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